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1. SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH SPENT 24 HOURS WITH PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY IN YAMOUSSOUKRO JUNE 9-10 SINCE, AS SENGHOR EXPLAINED, YAMOUSSOUKRO IS ON THE ROUTE BETWEEN DAKAR AND MOGADISCIO. THEY DEPARTED YESTERDAY FOR THE OAU SUMMIT VIA LIBREVILLE, SEEN OFF BY THE NON-ATTENDING IVORIAN PRESIDENT.

2. IN REMARKS TO PRESS UPON ARRIVAL, SENGHOR NOTED POSTPONEMENT OF OCAM SUMMIT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT ORGANIZATION'S HEALTH, THAT DATE WILL BE SET IN MOGADISCIO. RE GUINEA-BISSAU, HE DESCRIBED HIS CONTACTS AT VARIOUS STAGES WITH PORTUGUESE FOR MIN MARIO SOARES AND NOTED THAT SENEGAL HAS NO TERRITORIAL PRETENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO IT.

3. PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH SAID THAT WHEN HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE OAU, HE STRIVED PARTICULARLY TO MAKE OUTSIDE WORLD UNDERSTAND PROBLEMS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. HE DECLARED HIMSELF VERY HAPPY OVER UNFOLDING EVOLUTION OF PORTUGUESE COLONIES. AS FOR OAU, HE SAID HIS GOAL HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO GET ARABS AND AFRICANS TOGETHER. OAU WILL CERTAINLY DISCUSS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, HE

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ADDED, EXPRESSING VIEW THAT ARAB INVESTMENTS IN AFRICA AND

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COULD MAKE UNITED FRONT OF PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT. HE NOTED HE ONLY PARTIALLY SATISFIED WITH SPECIAL UNGA SESSION BUT AT LEAST INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS NOW KNOW PROBLEMS OF LDCS.

4. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, SENGHOR SAID THE THREE LEADERS HAD DISCUSSED OCAM, CEAO, AS WELL AS AFRICAN AND WORLD PROBLEMS. OULD DADDAH ADDED THAT IT HAD BEEN PLANNED THAT HOUPHOUET WOULD VISIT MAURITANIA, BUT HE FOUND HIMSELF COMING HERE FIRST, INSTEAD, AND HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO IVORY COAST EARLY IN THE YEAR FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT.
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